



# Econo-HEC

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### SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY

#### Product Identifier

**Product Form:** Substance

**Product Name:** Econo-HEC

**Synonyms:** Modified Cellulose Gum

#### Intended Use of the Product

**Use of the Substance/Mixture:** Gelling Agent. For professional use only.

#### Name, Address, and Telephone of the Responsible Party

##### Customer

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#### Emergency Telephone Number

**Emergency number :** CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300 (US); 703-527-3887 (International, collect calls are accepted)

### SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification of the Substance or Mixture

##### Classification (GHS-US)

Comb. Dust

Skin Irrit. 2 H315

Eye Irrit. 2A H319

STOT SE 3 H335

#### Label Elements

##### GHS-US Labeling

##### Hazard Pictograms (GHS-US)

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##### Signal Word (GHS-US)

: Warning

##### Hazard Statements (GHS-US)

: May form combustible dust concentrations in air

H315 - Causes skin irritation

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

##### Precautionary Statements (GHS-US)

: P261 - Avoid breathing dust.

P264 - Wash hands, forearms, and other exposed areas thoroughly after handling.

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

P280 - Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, face protection, respiratory protection.

P302+P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P304+P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P305+P351+P338 - If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P312 - Call a POISON CENTER or doctor if you feel unwell.

P321 - Specific treatment (see section 4).

P332+P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

P337+P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.

P362 - Take off contaminated clothing.

P403+P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

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P405 - Store locked up.

P501 - Dispose of contents/container to local, regional, national, territorial, provincial, and international regulations.

### Other Hazards

**Other Hazards Not Contributing to the Classification:** Inhalation may aggravate those with pre-existing conditions including: skin, eye, and respiratory conditions.

**Unknown Acute Toxicity (GHS-US)** Not available

## SECTION 3: COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Substances

Name : Econo-HEC

Name	Product identifier	% (w/w)	Classification (GHS-US)
Cellulose, 2-hydroxyethyl ether	(CAS No) 9004-62-0	100	Comb. Dust Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Irrit. 2A, H319 STOT SE 3, H335

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

### Mixture

## SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

### Description of First Aid Measures

**General:** Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).

**Inhalation:** When symptoms occur: go into open air and ventilate suspected area. Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing. Drench affected area with water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

**Eye Contact:** Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Obtain medical attention if pain, blinking or redness persist.

**Ingestion:** Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.

### Most Important Symptoms and Effects Both Acute and Delayed

**General:** May cause respiratory irritation. Eye irritation. Causes skin irritation.

**Inhalation:** May cause respiratory irritation.

**Skin Contact:** Causes skin irritation.

**Eye Contact:** Causes eye irritation.

**Ingestion:** Gastrointestinal irritation. May cause nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

**Chronic Symptoms:** Not available

### Indication of Any Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed

If exposed or concerned, get medical advice and attention.

## SECTION 5: FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

### Extinguishing Media

**Suitable Extinguishing Media:** Water spray, dry chemical, foam, carbon dioxide.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** Do not use a heavy water stream. Use of heavy stream of water may spread fire.

### Special Hazards Arising From the Substance or Mixture

**Fire Hazard:** Not considered flammable but will burn at high temperatures.

**Explosion Hazard:** Accumulation and dispersion of dust with an ignition source can cause a combustible dust explosion, keep dust levels to a minimum and follow applicable regulations.

**Reactivity:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal conditions.

### Advice for Firefighters

**Precautionary Measures Fire:** Exercise caution when fighting any chemical fire.

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**Firefighting Instructions:** Use water spray or fog for cooling exposed containers. In case of major fire and large quantities: Evacuate area. Fight fire remotely due to the risk of explosion.

**Protection During Firefighting:** Do not enter fire area without proper protective equipment, including respiratory protection.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** Carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Other information:** Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

### Reference to Other Sections

Refer to section 9 for flammability properties.

## **SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

**General Measures:** Avoid breathing (dust). Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Do not allow product to spread into the environment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use only non-sparking tools.

#### For Non-Emergency Personnel

**Protective Equipment:** Use appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE).

**Emergency Procedures:** Evacuate unnecessary personnel.

#### For Emergency Personnel

**Protective Equipment:** Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

**Emergency Procedures:** Ventilate area.

### Environmental Precautions

Prevent entry to sewers and public waters. Avoid release to the environment.

### Methods and Material for Containment and Cleaning Up

**For Containment:** Contain any spills with dikes or absorbents to prevent migration and entry into sewers or streams.

**Methods for Cleaning Up:** Clear up spills immediately and dispose of waste safely. Collect spillage. Contact competent authorities after a spill. Vacuum must be fitted with HEPA filter to prevent release of particulates during clean-up. Contact competent authorities after a spill.

### Reference to Other Sections

See heading 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

## **SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### Precautions for Safe Handling

**Additional Hazards When Processed:** Do not pressurize, cut, or weld containers. May form combustible dust concentrations in air. Accumulation and dispersion of dust with an ignition source can cause a combustible dust explosion, keep dust levels to a minimum and follow applicable regulations.

**Hygiene Measures:** Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, or smoking and again when leaving work.

### Conditions for Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities

**Technical Measures:** Comply with applicable regulations. Ground/bond container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical, ventilating, and lighting equipment.

**Storage Conditions:** Store in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep container closed when not in use. Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Keep/Store away from extremely high or low temperatures, direct sunlight, ignition sources, incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizers.

### Specific End Use(s)

Gelling Agent. For professional use only.

## **SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### Control Parameters

No Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) have been established for this product or its chemical components.

### Exposure Controls

**Appropriate Engineering Controls:** Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure all national/local regulations are observed. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the immediate vicinity of any potential exposure. Use explosion-proof equipment.

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**Personal Protective Equipment:** Protective goggles. Gloves. Insufficient ventilation: wear respiratory protection. Protective clothing.



**Materials for Protective Clothing:** Chemically resistant materials and fabrics.

**Hand Protection:** Wear chemically resistant protective gloves.

**Eye Protection:** Chemical goggles or safety glasses.

**Skin and Body Protection:** Not available

**Respiratory Protection:** Use NIOSH-approved air-purifying or supplied-air respirator where airborne concentrations of dust are expected to exceed exposure limits.

**Other Information:** When using, do not eat, drink or smoke.

## SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Information on Basic Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical State	: Solid
Appearance	: White, powder
Odor	: Odorless
Odor Threshold	: Not available
pH	: 6 - 8 (0.2% soln)
Relative Evaporation Rate (butylacetate=1)	: Not available
Melting Point	: 140 °C (284°F)
Freezing Point	: Not available
Boiling Point	: Not available
Flash Point	: Not available
Auto-ignition Temperature	: Not available
Decomposition Temperature	: Not available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: Not available
Lower Flammable Limit	: Not available
Upper Flammable Limit	: Not available
Vapor Pressure	: Not available
Relative Vapor Density at 20 °C	: Not available
Relative Density	: Not available
Specific Gravity	: Not available
Solubility	: Forms a gel.
Log Pow	: Not available
Log Kow	: Not available
Viscosity, Kinematic	: Not available
Viscosity, Dynamic	: Not available
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	: Not available
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Static Discharge	: Not available

## SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Reactivity:** Hazardous reactions will not occur under normal conditions.

**Chemical Stability:** Stable at standard temperature and pressure. Risk of dust explosion.

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Direct sunlight. Extremely high or low temperatures. Ignition sources. Incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizers.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** Carbon oxides (CO, CO<sub>2</sub>).

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### SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on Toxicological Effects - Product

**Acute Toxicity** : Not classified

**LD50 and LC50 Data** Not available

**Skin Corrosion/Irritation:** Causes skin irritation. **pH:** 6 - 8 (0.2% soln)

**Serious Eye Damage/Irritation:** Causes serious eye irritation. **pH:** 6 - 8 (0.2% soln)

**Respiratory or Skin Sensitization:** Not classified

**Germ Cell Mutagenicity:** Not classified

**Teratogenicity:** Not available

**Carcinogenicity:** Not classified

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure):** Not classified

**Reproductive Toxicity:** Not classified

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure):** May cause respiratory irritation.

**Aspiration Hazard:** Not classified

**Symptoms/Injuries After Inhalation:** May cause respiratory irritation.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Skin Contact:** Causes skin irritation.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Eye Contact:** Causes eye irritation.

**Symptoms/Injuries After Ingestion:** Gastrointestinal irritation. May cause nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

#### Information on Toxicological Effects - Ingredient(s)

**LD50 and LC50 Data** Not available

### SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Toxicity** Not Classified

**Persistence and Degradability** Not available

**Bioaccumulative Potential**

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Bioaccumulative Potential	Not established.
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**Mobility in Soil** Not available

#### Other Adverse Effects

**Other Information:** Avoid release to the environment.

### SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**Waste Disposal Recommendations:** Dispose of waste material in accordance with all local, regional, national, provincial, territorial and international regulations.

### SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION

**In Accordance With ICAO/IATA/DOT/TDG**

**UN Number** Not regulated for transport

**UN Proper Shipping Name** Not regulated for transport

**Additional Information** Not regulated for transport

**Transport by sea** Not regulated for transport

**Air transport** Not regulated for transport

### SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### US Federal Regulations

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SARA Section 311/312 Hazard Classes	Immediate (acute) health hazard
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**Cellulose, 2-hydroxyethyl ether (9004-62-0)**

Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory

#### US State Regulations


Neither this product nor its chemical components appear on any US state lists.

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### Canadian Regulations

<b>Econo-HEC</b>	
WHMIS Classification	Class D Division 2 Subdivision B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects
	
<b>Cellulose, 2-hydroxyethyl ether (9004-62-0)</b>	
Listed on the Canadian DSL (Domestic Substances List) inventory.	
WHMIS Classification	Class D Division 2 Subdivision B - Toxic material causing other toxic effects

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by CPR.

### SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

**Revision date** : 02/26/2015  
**Other Information** : This document has been prepared in accordance with the SDS requirements of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200.

#### GHS Full Text Phrases:

Comb. Dust	Combustible Dust
Eye Irrit. 2A	Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 2A
Skin Irrit. 2	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 2
STOT SE 3	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) Category 3
	May form combustible dust concentrations in air
H315	Causes skin irritation
H319	Causes serious eye irritation
H335	May cause respiratory irritation

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